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Mr. Rob Rosenberger
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Dear Mr. Rosenberger,

This is the final response to your 25 October 2024 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for…the special orders related to General Mark D. Kelly's retirement ca.29 Feb 24. These special orders will specify (1) the date Gen. Kelly was relieved of duty as HQ ACC/CC; (2) the date of his retirement; and (3) the award of his Distinguished Service Medal. I do NOT request any "presentation" materials normally handed to a retiree. I expect you to redact PII in these special orders. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/02/2024 To 03/01/2024).

The Department of the Air Force, Manpower, Personnel and Services (AF/A1) conducted a thorough and proper search for records related to this request. AF/A1 identified one responsive document per the request. After careful review, AF/A1 determined your request is releasable in part where redacted as the full release is exempted as it would constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of individuals. The authority for these exemptions is the United States Code, Title 5, Section 552(b)(6).

The application of FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), requires withholding of information in personnel, medical, and similar files where disclosure "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In applying Exemption (b)(6), a balancing test was done weighing the privacy interests of individuals named in a document against the public interest in disclosure of the information requested. The privacy of individuals named in the report outweighs the public interest in the case.

Should you decide that an appeal to this decision is necessary, you must write to the Secretary of the Air Force, Thru: SAF/AAII (FOIA), 1000 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1000 within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. Include in the appeal, your reasons for reconsideration, and attach a copy of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied with the servicing of this request or this final response from this office, you may contact the Air Force FOIA Public Liaison Officer, Mr. Robert Bivins, concerning this response at AF FOIA Public Liaison Office (SAF/CIO A6XA), 1800 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1800, usaf.pentagon.saf-cio-a6.mbx.af-foia@mail.mil or (703) 614-8500.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769". "

Please contact this office at the address above, via email at SAF.AA.HAF.FOIA.Workflow@us.af.mil, or at the undersigned at (703) 692-9979 should you have any questions and refer to case 2025-00639-F. Department of Defense Regulation 5400.7/Air Force Manual 33-302 indicates fees may be assessed for processing this request; however, there are no applicable fees in this instance.

Sincerely,

Eric Carter

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